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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ambassador Douglas Heck  
Director for Combatting Terrorism  
Department of State

FROM : Cord Meyer, Jr.

SUBJECT : The Problem of Patron State Support

1. Thanks for your memorandum of 26 May and your support for our plans to go ahead on the problem of Patron State Support for international terrorism.

2. I have taken up with [ ] your need for intelligence support for the Congressional hearing on 29 June. I attach for your information a memorandum that [ ] has written to me which is self-explanatory. We will do the best we can within the time limit and we particularly need your early guidance on how you propose to handle the sensitive information with the Congressional committee. Perhaps you, [ ] and I can get together at an early opportunity.

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31 May 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cord Meyer, Jr.  
Special Assistant to the DDCI

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SUBJECT : Ambassador Heck's Request for Background Material  
on Support Furnished to Terrorists by National  
Governments

REFERENCE : SA/DDCI Memorandum for the Record of 25 May 1977

1. The referenced memo indicates that Ambassador Heck intends to draw on such background information as the Agency is able to provide him on state support to terrorist groups during the course of his scheduled testimony before the Humphrey Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 29 June. ORPA will, of course, make every effort to furnish the Ambassador with as much information as possible within the timespan allowed. But, as you know, our research efforts in this field have just begun. Hence, we hope that Ambassador Heck understands that what he will receive will represent little more than a preliminary -- and necessarily selective -- summary of the data we are pulling together for the study we hope to publish this fall.

2. The lack of time to assess this data and to cast it into proper perspective is one obvious problem that we face. Another is the fact that most of the available information comes from sensitive sources. We will, therefore, need to know as soon as possible whether or not the Subcommittee will be meeting in closed session.

3. In the interim, we have alerted CPS/CSS and OLC to this briefing request and have sought their advice on relevant procedural and technical matters. Should we encounter any problems, we will let you know promptly.

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MEMORANDUM

May 26, 1977

To: CIA - Mr. Meyer  
From: M/CT - Ambassador Heck  
Subject: The Problem of Patron State Support

I have reviewed the outline of the proposed paper on international terrorism and the problem of patron state support which you gave me on May 25 and wholeheartedly endorse this proposal. The paper addresses very relevant and timely concerns of ours. As I mentioned to you, this subject deserves careful and thorough study and the proposed target date is not unrealistic. However, since we have to prepare for Congressional hearings on June 29, it would be helpful to have as much factual data, both classified and unclassified, on patron state support groups as soon as possible as this matter is bound to come up in the hearings.

We will be further in touch with you to discuss our needs.

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